

REMARKS

The applicant, through the undersigned counsel, wishes to thank the Examiner for helpfulness and courtesy in telephone discussions on October 13th and 15th regarding amendments of the claims for the purpose of allowance.

The claims have been amended above as discussed with the Examiner. Initially the Examiner contacted the undersigned to ask for the cancellation of the non-elected claims and the deletion of "(if required)" from the applicant's claims. It was pointed out to the Examiner that the nitrogen source was not required in all cases and it was therefore agreed to amend the applicant's claims 1, 2, 4 and 21, as above, to specify that the nitrogen source is optional. The specific reference to the compound DBU has also been deleted from claim 21 to improve its form.

Non-elected claims 15, 16, 17 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice to possible divisional filing. In reviewing the claims in this respect, it was noted that claim 19 was erroneously designated as non-elected in applicant's response of June 10, 2009. Accordingly, claim 19 has been retained and it is understood from the Examiner that this is acceptable, as claim 19 clearly belongs with the elected group of claims.

In telephone discussion with the Examiner on October 20th, the Examiner noted a preference for the independent claims to read "dyes or salts" rather than "dyes and salts" (line 1 of each). Claims 1, 2, 4 and 21 have been amended accordingly.

It is believed that with entry of the present amendment, the application is in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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